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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENT ON INDO-US NUCLEAR RELATIONS

1. AN EDITORIAL IN THE MARCH 16 "HINDUSTAN TIMES" NOTES THAT AT THE SIGNING OF THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT PRESIDENT CARTER REITERATED THAT THE US WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF NUCLEAR FUEL TO COUNTRIES ENTITLED TO IT BY CONTRACT AND INTERESTED IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. INDIA, THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES, "SATISFIES BOTH CRITERIA." FIRST, THE US IS BOUND BY CONTRACT TO SUPPLY TARAPORE; IN FACT, A US FIRM RECEIVED THE TARAPORE FUEL CONTRACT "MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE BELIEF THAT THE US WOULD BE A RELIABLE SUPPLIER." SECOND, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, ON THE BASIS OF INDIA'S RECORD OF OPPOSING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE NRC THAT IT PERMIT WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS THE EXPORT OF 7.6 TONS OF URANIUM FUEL TO INDIA. COMPLAINING THAT THE JANATA GOVERNMENT'S TWO PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR FUEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLEARED AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AGO," THE EDITORIAL WARNS THAT ANY FURTHER DELAY WILL UPSET PRODUCTION AT THE HYDERABAD FUEL ASSEMBLY PLANT.

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2. THE EDITORIAL POINTS TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S DELIVERY OF MILITARY HARDWARE TO PAKISTAN AND AN UNNAMED PRESIDENT'S "OVERLOOKING THE DIVERSION OF PLUTONIUM TO ISRAEL BY INTERESTED PARTIES" AS PROOF THAT US PRESIDENTS CAN OVERCOME "LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER HURDLES" IF THEY REALLY WANT TO. THE NRC IS ONLY PURSUING DELAYING TACTICS TO PRESSURE INDIA

INTO ABANDONING ITS AUTONOMY IN THE SPHERE OF
NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. THE ARGUMENT THAT THE SUPPLIES COULD
WAIT TILL THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR BETRAYS THIS
INTENTION."

3. GRUMBLING THAT "BUT FOR OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS
BY THE US - IN THE NAME OF 'CO-DETERMINATION'-- THE
SPENT FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT AT TARAPORE,
INDIGENOUSLY BUILT BY INDIA, WOULD HAVE BEEN FULLY OPERATIVE
BY NOW," THE EDITORIAL REAFFIRMS INDIA'S COMMITMENT
TO THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR
TECHNOLOGY AND HER DETERMINATION TO "SAFEGUARD" HER
AUTONOMY AND NATIONAL INTERESTS.
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